



IF IT ISN'T ONE THING—IT'S ANOTHER

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

"If it isn't one thing, it's another." That phrase is a sort of farmer's shibboleth. If you don't hear it said, sooner or later, by the man on the farm, you may set it down as probable that he's not a real farmer, but just a sort of stop-gap.

I suppose in the Garden of Eden it was never either one thing or another, but just the same glorious state of all-rightness all the time. But there's been a noticeable change in gardens and such since then.

Last spring, for instance, along about this time, we in this particular neck of the woods were being drenched and drowned out by persistent cold rains. They had back spring work, delayed all sorts of crops, even rotted seed in the ground. The intervals of sunlight and warmth were so intermittent and infrequent that the soil didn't get really dried into fitness for plant nourishment for several weeks. This spring, on the contrary, we in this same neighborhood are in imminent danger of drying up and being blown away. We haven't had rain enough for six weeks to wash the dust thoroughly off the sandy white leaves of the discouraged spinach and lettuce. With the drought we're being overrun by some new breed of bugs or fungus—something which, like the pestilence of the Bible, stalks by night and finishes up then about all the growth which has managed to start the previous day. None of us has yet been able to find the thing itself, whatever it is, and we are out on our own, rather helpless before an enemy we haven't yet been able to trace to its ambush. We shall undoubtedly "get on to it," sooner or later. Then we'll hunt up some new kind of poison and begin a new battle.

The bug men are forecasting another invasion of the seventeen-year locusts this season, and are telling us what to do. I don't worry half as much about the seventeen-year locusts as I do about the seventeen-times-a-year potato bugs. I've lived through three of those locust invasions and should never have known I was being invaded but for the bulletins in the papers. But we all know it when the potato bugs arrive, and the tent caterpillars, and the codling moths, and the cucumber beetle, and the squash bugs, and the cutworms, and the rose chiggers, and the wire worms, and the bees, and the various other critters that choose us farmers for their special prey. Sometimes they are more than a nuisance on some particular season, but "if it isn't one thing, it's another." If one gives us the go-by for a year, another spite on his hands, figuratively speaking, and takes a fresh hold.

But, say, brother farmer, do you really suppose that you and I are getting any more than our fair share of trouble? We're getting more than we want, nobody need dispute that. But are we getting more than the average? More than other workers in other callings? I don't think so. Of course, each one of us knows his own troubles best and most thoroughly. They burden our shoulders much more than other folks' troubles. It's an admitted fact in philosophy that a holl on the end of my nose hurts me more than a carbuncle on Neighbor Jones' proboscis. Artemus Ward, you remember, said he didn't care to enlist and go to war and be shot for

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Another Think Coming to Him.
Senator Root is certainly an optimist. He thinks congress will adjourn by June 1. Albany News.

LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

TOLLAND COUNTY SOUTH COVENTRY.

Mrs. H. F. Dimock Petitioned to Decide Against Clark Lot for Library Site—Graves Decorated in Nathan Hale Cemetery.

A petition has been forwarded to Mrs. H. F. Dimock, requesting her influence towards a reconsideration of the matter of a site for the new Booth-Dimock library building. The Clark site had been decided upon by the Library association, and it is understood that only the final arrangements are pending to close the deal. The petition suggests a public meeting to voice the sentiment of the township on the question. It is signed by Thomas H. Wood and over one hundred others.

Visitors in Town.
Herman H. Albro of Brooklyn spent the week end with his sister, Miss Hattie M. Albro, in Naugatuck.

Memorial Service.
There was a memorial service at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. Rev. Nestor Light was the speaker, and Miss Nellie Albertin sang a solo, "The Rotted Cross of Blue."

Exercises on Tuesday.
On Tuesday morning the children of the Center school, together with four G. A. R. veterans—Charles Kolb, Charles Trippe, Albert Woodworth, and Corydon Beebe—met at the schoolhouse and marched to Nathan Hale cemetery, where exercises were held, with a short address by Rev. Duncan D. Dodd, pastor of the Congregational church, after which the graves were decorated.

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Funeral.
The funeral of Miss Martha Burnap was held at her home Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. Nestor Light officiating. The bearers were J. E. Stanley, L. A. Kingsbury, W. H. Armstrong, and De Witt Kingsbury. The deceased was 69 years old, and lived in South Coventry the greater part of her life. She was a member of the Congregational church and for years and at the time of her death a teacher in its Sunday school. She was one of the oldest employees of the Kingsbury Box and Printing company, and worked there a few weeks of her death. She leaves two sisters, Miss Addie Burnap of this place and Mrs. Witter of Columbia. The funeral services were held at the church, Sunday school, Christian Endeavor society, shopmates, and individual friends.

Local Notes.
Francis Boettner of West Willington spent Memorial day with his sister, Ruth Boettner, in Naugatuck.

There was a crowd at Lakeside park Memorial day, both afternoon and evening. The trolleys ran on a half hour schedule and were loaded at each trip.

Mrs. Rhoda Armstrong left Monday for her home in Cumberland, Md., after spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Armstrong.

Union.
Interesting Programme at Congregational Church on Memorial Day.

Lewis Scranton of North Rutland is home for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scranton, in Naugatuck.

Marched at 93.
A cousin of Mrs. Richards who is in his 94th year, walked in the line of march to the cemetery Memorial day.

Memorial Services.
The Congregational church was well filled Memorial day with friends from far and near, who came to hear the exercises and to decorate the graves.

Station Agent Resigns—Local Guest at Hartford Dinner.

Albert Maine of Torrington is visiting his brother, Loren S. Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Oliver spent Memorial day at Rockville, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Woodward were in New London Monday attending the funeral of an aunt.

Station Agent Resigns.
E. A. Shaw has resigned as station agent and intends to devote his time to his grocery business.

Mr. Emma Bacon of Hartford was the guest over Memorial day of her sister, Mrs. Red.

Carrie Von Deck, Albert Skinner and Morton Ives were Hartford visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Steel and son of New York were in town calling on friends Tuesday.

Mr. Atkins and family of Hartford have moved into their summer home, The L.

At Birthday Dinner.
Representative W. E. Rice attended the birthday dinner at William Hall of South Willington given at the Hartford club Wednesday evening.

Spring Hill.
Rev. Leonard Smith and D. C. Flaherty attended a special meeting of Uriel Lodge, No. 24, E. and A. M., at Merrow last Saturday evening.

NORTH COVENTRY

How Memorial Day Was Observed—Town Preparing for 20th Anniversary Celebration.

The veterans of the civil war residing here have rapidly lessened in numbers, while over thirty deceased soldiers lie in the North cemetery and 18 in the Center cemetery. Public exercises were held in both cemeteries on Memorial day, about two hours apart, and were attended by large crowds. In fact about all the residents attended at both places. In lieu of any of the former patriotic songs were sung by the whole crowd, led by a quartette consisting of Charles W. Lee, Robert Pike, Mrs. C. J. Lee, and Mrs. Haven. The last named lady presided at the organ, which was furnished by the Sunday school and conveyed in a wagon to and from the cemeteries. There were also solos and duets, with chorus by the crowd. The children came laden with flowers. Fourteen young ladies dressed in white and the national colors marked to represent the Goddess of Liberty, who was Miss Storrs, and the original song was "The new pastor, Rev. Martin Kellogg, offered prayer and delivered a different patriotic song in each cemetery. Remarks were also made by Mr. Cornwall, the only veteran present. Parks Lathrop, town representative at Hartford, and Charles W. Lee, the Goddess and states were conveyed to and from the cemeteries in artist-leads decorated with garlands by a team of beautiful snow white horses. Committees were appointed to make more elaborate preparations for a year hence.

Town 200 Years Old.
The fact was announced that Coventry was settled and received its name in the year 1711, making this year the 200th anniversary of the town. After enthusiastic remarks of approval by several, a committee was appointed to meet a similar committee from South Coventry and begin preparations for an old home week and decennial celebration next October.

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Columbia.
Afternoon Club Gives Successful Entertainment—Farmers Complain of Slow Showing of Seeds.

The Ladies' Afternoon club gave an entertainment at Yeoman's hall last Tuesday evening which was well attended. Supper was served from 5 to 8 o'clock. There was an auction sale during the evening of a croquet set, also of a table. The proceeds of the sale, under the auspices of the club, are to be used in the construction of the sidewalk already commenced from Columbia green to the lake.

Miss Whitney of New Haven has opened her summer residence near the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hunt and child of Fall River have been spending a few days with Mr. Hunt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hunt, on Columbia green. Mr. Hunt is instructor in Durfee Institute, Fall River.

Mrs. Simon Collins and daughter Edith of Johnston, R. I. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hunt a few days recently.

Tuesday's Games.
There were no public services in this place Memorial day, but a number went to Andover to witness two ball games, and to the woods in the Columbia hills. Each won a game.

H. W. Porter is having a large porch added to the front of his house.

Mr. and Mrs. George Slawick of Stafford Springs, visited Mrs. E. R. Prentice the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Jaquith spent Memorial day with relatives in South Coventry.

Mrs. T. R. Prentice has returned from a few days visit in Stafford.

Mrs. Lena Potter of Willimantic spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Slawick.

Frank Porter of Hebron is employed at T. R. Prentice's.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kraft are entertaining relatives from New York.

Mrs. Fred Copeland and son, Philip, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Towne of Middlebury.

Leander Shumway and Mrs. George Albee took an automobile trip to Willimantic Thursday afternoon.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, R. I.
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Annual Financial Town Meeting—Nominations Made at Prohibition Caucus.

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Notes.
The republican caucus was called for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Frank W. Mills of Westerly was at the home of his mother over Sunday and also Memorial day.

Defeated W. H. S.
The Hopkinton High school played ball with the Westerly High school Memorial day on Bethel plain and won by a score of 5 to 4.

One of the hearse horses coming from Canterbury with the body of Mr. William T. Kenyon, Monday, was taken seriously ill, and has been cared for at the stable of Alden F. Minor.

Memorial Day Address.
At the Memorial day services in the church here Rev. H. C. Van Horn, the new pastor, delivered the address, and Lloyd Crandall sang a solo.

ARCADIA.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barber of Providence were the guests of Mr. Barber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Barber, Monday and Tuesday.

George Tillinghast, accompanied by his two sons, Ralph and Roy, and Clarence Lewis, all of Providence, called on Benjamin Sheldon at the Locust Ridge farm Sunday.

William T. Barber is visiting relatives in Pawtucket Valley.

Mrs. Margaret Eganon of Central Falls, R. I. is the guest of her sister, Mrs. O. P. Bates.

Miss Belle Sunderland of Lafayette, R. I. was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. G. B. Reynolds, Memorial day.

Mrs. C. H. Reynolds arrived home

He is with her parents for a week's vacation.
Earl Bates from Willimantic was at O. H. Conant's Sunday.
Miss Mildred Weeks has returned from a visit with her parents in Rockville.
Charles Chapman went to Brooklyn, Conn., Memorial day.

HEBRON
Local School Team Defeats Columbia—Exercises of Memorial Day.

The Hebron Prep school played the Columbia Juniors last Saturday and won by a large margin of 19 to 9.

Tuesday's Patriotic Exercises.
Memorial day was observed in this town with great solemnity. The veterans from Colchester with band met at 8.30 on Hebron Green with the veterans of this town. A march was formed and with the school children falling in, two cemeteries were visited and the soldiers' graves decorated. An address by the Rev. Mr. Remington of Colchester was given in the town hall. After the exercises the veterans enjoyed dinner in the Congregational church.

Schools were closed Memorial day.
Briefs and Personal.
William Strong of Natick has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Loren Lord.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. C. Smith of Norwich spent Memorial day at Mr. Smith's father's in this place.

Miss Sarah Doyle spent Memorial day at her home in Naugatuck.

Will Chamberlain, J. N. Hewitt and Mrs. Will Semmes were visitors in Willimantic Monday.

MANSFIELD DEPOT
Pastor Preaches Eloquent Memorial Sermon—Personal Items.

Rev. R. B. Sherman delivered an excellent Memorial sermon last Sunday. He announced as his subject for next Sunday "The Communion Table."

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Smith were in Westford over Sunday.

V. Mr. and Mrs. New Rochelle, N. Y., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Alfred Warren, on Memorial day.

Edward Pearl has returned home, after enjoying a week with relatives in Vermont.

At Summer Home.
Perkins Tophit and family of Waukegan were at their summer home in Ripley Hill recently and attended the morning service on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen entertained relatives from Buff Cap on Memorial day.

Mr. Geer of New London and Mr. Saunders of Norwich have been recent guests at Elm cottage.

ELLINGTON
Capt. Philo Olcott Delivers Memorial Day Address—Notes.

Memorial day was celebrated with exercises in the lecture room. Capt. Philo Olcott of Rockville gave the address. The singing was by the school children, after which the graves of the soldiers were decorated.

The Misses Elsie and Cora Nangle spent a few days with their brother, F. B. Nangle.

Mrs. Edwin Talbot is in town for quite a stay. She formerly lived here.

Miss Eleanor Allen of Suffield and Miss Mattie Niles of South Manchester were here on Memorial day.

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Monday from Fitchburg, Mass., where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Adelbert Strange.

WEEKAPAU.
Meeting of Ocean View W. C. T. U.—Notes.

The Ocean View W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Merle Looftoro on Thursday afternoon. This was superintendent's day and each officer gave a report of work done.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Robinson of Providence were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Bliven, making the trip in their automobile. They came to see their two cottages in order for summer occupancy.

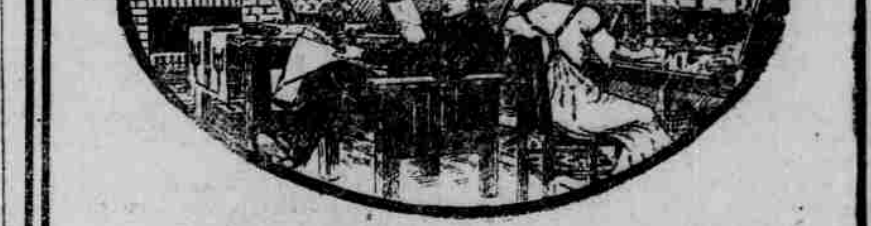
Hurry Noyes, who is chef at the Watch Hill Life Saving station, is at home here for two months' vacation.

Mrs. G. T. Collins is the guest of relatives in Westerly.

Mrs. Thomas Saunders, Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. C. A. Looftoro attended the south district convention of the W. C. T. U. which was held in Wakefield last Thursday.

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